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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph D Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 April 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toskala et al. (6,456,826) in view of Keranen et al. (6,681,099).

Regarding claim 1, Toskala et al. Discloses a method for switching an operation mode from a non-USTS (Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme) to a USTS mode in a Node B capable of communicating with a UE (User Equipment) in both the non-USTS mode and the USTS mode (abstract, fig. 1-4), comprising the steps of:

a) calculating a difference value between a start point of a downlink dedicated channel frame in a downlink dedicated channel transmitted to the UE in the non-USTS mode and a start point of an uplink dedicated channel frame in an uplink dedicated channel received from the UE (fig. 2-4, col. 4 line 55 thru col. 30);

b) determining a first control value for controlling the start point of the uplink dedicated channel frame in the uplink dedicated channel from the UE by comparing the difference value with a given reference value (#30 fig. 4, col. 5 lines 55-67);

c) determining a second control value such that the second control value for the start point of the downlink dedicated channel frame in the downlink dedicated channel of the Node B becomes a multiple of a given number of chips (col. 5 lines 2-30);

d) informing (sending) the UE of the determined first and second control values (col. 5 lines 45-51); and

e) transmitting (sending) a downlink dedicated channel signal such that the start point of the downlink dedicated channel frame becomes a start point determined based on the second control value (col. 6 lines 32-55).

However, Toskala et al. does not specifically disclose calculating a difference value and starting point between downlink an uplink in dedicated channel frame.

Keranen et al. teaches calculating (measuring) a difference value between downlink an uplink in dedicated channel frame (fig. 2, and fig. 4, col. 3 line 55 thru col. 4 line 14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Toskala et al. system with the teaching of Keranen et al. of calculating a difference value between downlink an uplink in dedicated channel frame in order to determine delay time of downlink and uplink.

Regarding claim 2, Toskala et al. further discloses the method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reference value is a common delay time for uplink dedicated physical channels from UEs belonging to the Node B (col. 1 line 65 thru col. 2 line 4).

Regarding claim 3, Toskala et al. further discloses the method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the common delay time is a value shared by all of the UEs using a same cell or a same USTS scrambling code, and is set such that uplink dedicated

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physical channel signals received at the Node B from the UEs have a specific delay (col. 2 lines 5-17).

Regarding claim 4, Toskala et al. further discloses the method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the given number of chips is 256 (fig. 1, col. 1 line 65 thru col. 2 line1).

Regarding claim 5, Toskala et al. further discloses the method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dedicated channel is a dedicated physical channel (DPCCH) (fig. 1).

Regarding claim 6, Toskala et al. discloses a method for connecting with a Node B in a USTS mode by a UE operating in a non-USTS mode in a cell region of the Node B (abstract, fig. 1-4), comprising the steps of:

a) receiving from the Node B a first control value for controlling a frame start point for an uplink dedicated channel signal and a second control value for controlling a frame start point for a downlink dedicated channel signal (fig. 2-4, col. 5 line 31 thru col. 6 line 13);

b) receiving a frame for the downlink dedicated channel signal from the Node B based on the second control value (abstract, col. 5 lines 55-67); and

c) transmitting the uplink dedicated channel signal frame to the Node B based on the first control value, after receiving the downlink dedicated channel signal frame (col. 5 line 55 thru col. 6 line 13).

However, Toskala et al. does not specifically disclose the value for controlling a frame starting point for uplink and downlink.

Keranen et al. teaches the value for controlling a frame starting point for uplink and downlink (fig. 2, and fig. 4, col. 3 line 55 thru col. 4 line 14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Toskala et al. system with the teaching of Keranen et al. of controlling a frame starting point for uplink and downlink in order to determine the starting point for uplink and downlink to calculate the delay time.

Regarding claim 7, Toskala et al. further discloses the method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first control value is used for controlling a start point of the uplink dedicated channel frame of the UE by comparing (# 30 fig. 4, and fig. 3a-3b):

(a) a difference value between a start point of an uplink dedicated channel frame transmitted to the Node B in the non-USTS mode and a start point of a downlink dedicated channel frame transmitted from the Node B, with (b) a reference value previously given to the Node B (abstract, # 30 fig. 4, and fig. 3a-3b, col. 5 lines 2-30).

Regarding claim 8, Toskala et al. further discloses the method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the second control value is used for controlling a start point of the downlink dedicated channel frame from the Node B to become a multiple of a given number of chips (fig. 1-2, col. 1 lines 49-64).

Regarding claim 9, Toskala et al. further discloses the method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the dedicated channel is a dedicated physical channel (fig. 1, col. 3 lines 1-25).

Regarding claim 10, Toskala et al. further discloses the method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the given number of chips is 256 (fig. 1, col. 1 lines 65 thru col. 2 line 4).

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